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TED STEVENS

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

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Dear Bill —

Thanks for your June 20
letter. I'm pleased to have
the information. Your people
were great to research the issue
and I'm reassured by your
response. Bill - you're great!
Ted

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Letter to Senator Stevens regarding Japanese War

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20 JUN 1988

The Honorable Ted Stevens
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Stevens:

Thank you for your letter concerning that most interesting article in LEADERS magazine. Our analysts turned up an August 1987 poll in which 49 percent of Japanese high school students said they believed trade frictions could ultimately lead to war with the US. They found another August 1987 opinion survey of Japanese junior high school students which found 13 percent said they thought Japan would become involved in another war.

Our analysts note that these polls were taken just after the imposition of sanctions on Japanese electronic products and after the aborted attempt by Fujitsu to buy Fairchild Industries. Apparently Japanese attitudes toward us tend to harden during times of trade disputes. Furthermore, the polls were published the day after the anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing. Analysts believe the Japanese press may have played up the negative aspects of views toward the United States. Recent opinion samples taken by a variety of polling organizations have consistently shown the US to be the foreign nation most liked by the vast majority of Japanese.

With regard to Japanese-Soviet relations, we find no signs of an alliance between Tokyo and Moscow. Our analysts believe that both Japanese government policy and public opinion have set clear limits on the chance for dramatic improvement in relations. Continued Soviet occupation of the Kurile Islands remains a major issue between the two countries. In addition, Japanese business remains relatively disinterested in increasing activity in the Soviet Union. Finally, the Japanese public considers the Soviet Union to be Japan's primary security threat.

Thank you for bringing the LEADERS article to my attention. Our people do follow these issues carefully, so if you want any additional information, we will be pleased to provide it.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Bill

William H. Webster
Director of Central Intelligence

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April 26, 1988

The Honorable William H. Webster
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

In the April, May, June issue of LEADERS magazine, Joe Williams has an article about "The Real Deficit." I was amazed by this statement in that article:

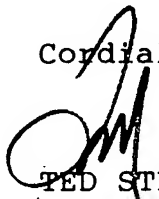
"The Japanese press recently surveyed senior high school and early college students and asked two questions: 'Do you think there will be a war in your lifetime?' to which the great majority answered yes; and 'With whom do you think the war will take place?' to which a great majority replied, the United States. Do you have any feelings about the East? About security?"

Could you help me locate any facts about the poll mentioned? I would like also to know if anyone in your shop could give me a background on the trend implied--have there been other instances of indications that the Japanese still consider us their first threat. Are there any indications of cooperation with or attempts to make alliance with the Soviets on the part of the Japanese?

Thanks for your help. If you have any questions, call me personally.

With best wishes,

Cordially,


TED STEVENS

